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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: FIVE-POWER MESSAGE ON REFORM

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1. WE MADE PITCH TO QUAI AFRICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR GEORGY (REFTEL), EMPHASIZING THAT US PARTICIPATION IN DEMARCHE WAS CONDITIONAL ON AGREEMENT TO ADD REFERENCE TO MILITARY REFORM. GEORGY WAS ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO THE IDEA. HE SAID IT WOULD REOPEN WHOLE DOCUMENT TO CHANGES (ON THIS WE DEMURRED, NOTING THE LIMITED NATURE OF OUR SUGGESTED CHANGE). HE CLAIMED THAT IN DRAWING UP THE WORKING DOCUMENT, HE HAD TAKEN ACCOUNT OF ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE US SIDE JUNE 5, AND THERE HAD BEEN NO SUGGESTION OF MILITARY REFORM. GEORGY SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING TO HOLD A MEETING OF THE FIVE IN PARIS TO DISCUSS OUR PROPOSED CHANGE, BUT, AS HE WAS LEAVING FOR AFRICA TODAY, THE MEETING COULD NOT BE HELD BEFORE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 (THUS MISSING THE BRUSSELS MEETING).

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2. GEORGY HAD FOLLOWING SUGGESTION: THAT COLLECTIVE, WRITTEN DEMARCHE BE MADE BY FIVE AMBASSADORS IN KINSHASA BASED ON THE PARIS WORKING DOCUMENT WITHOUT CHANGE, BUT ADDITIONALLY, THAT THE KINSHASA AMBASSADORS CONSULT ON WHAT USE TO MAKE OF ANNEXES. AT THAT POINT US COULD EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF URGING ON MOBUTU MILITARY RE-

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FORM, WHICH IS ALLUDED TO IN ANNEXES. SHORT OF THIS, GEORGY FELT THERE WAS NO WAY TO ACHIEVE A RAPID DEMARCHE TO MOBUTU. THAT SEEMS ALSO TO BE THE ATTITUDE OF OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE CONCERNED EMBASSIES HERE, ESPECIALLY THE BELGIAN.

3. COMMENT: WE THINK THE FRENCH ARE LIKELY TO STONE-WALL. IF THERE IS TO BE A PRE-BRUSSELS DEMARCHE TO MOBUTU, WE BELIEVE IT WILL HAVE TO FOLLOW FRENCH WORKING PAPER WITHOUT CHANGE. PLEASE ADVISE.
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